

CHAPTER 67-11-13 SPECIFIC LEARNING DISABILITIES TEACHER CREDENTIAL

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67-11-13-01. Credentials required. For purposes of school accreditation, a school that educates a student with specific learning disabilities must employ teachers who hold the North Dakota teacher of students with specific learning disabilities credential as outlined in this chapter or who have been authorized by the education standards and practices board in this specialty at a level the department determines meets or exceeds the requirements of this chapter and is consistent with the North Dakota teacher education program approval standards 2000 with 2002 revisions adopted by the education standards and practices board on August 1, 2002.

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67-11-13-02. Issuing agency. The North Dakota special education teaching credential in specific learning disabilities issuing agency address is:

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Department of Public Instruction
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 20
Bismarck, ND 58505-0440

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67-11-13-03. Credential standards. Each applicant for a teacher of students with specific learning disabilities credential must meet the standards in this section. The documentation on each standard must be verified by the department before any special education credential is issued.

1. Prior to August 1, 2003, the standards are as follows:

- a. An applicant must hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the education standards and practices board in accordance with North Dakota Century Code sections 15.1-13-10, 15.1-13-11, and 15.1-13-23 and North Dakota Administrative Code title 67.1, based on a bachelor's degree with a certifiable major or minor or an endorsement in elementary or secondary education.
- b. Areas of preparation of teachers in specific learning disabilities include the coursework listed in this subdivision. The coursework must be taken primarily at the graduate level from a college or university with accreditation in this area and offering a major in special education that includes study in the areas listed in this subdivision. Because not all of these are course titles, applicants must have their transcripts and course content evaluated by the department of public instruction staff. All candidates who are to be employed as specific learning disabilities teachers must hold either a general elementary or secondary educator's professional license. Specific learning disabilities teachers with a secondary educator's professional license must have an elementary mathematics methods and an elementary reading methods course. The credential requires at least one practicum working with children with specific learning disabilities after other qualifications are met. If the practicum is offered in two units, both the initial practicum and the advanced practicum must be completed to meet this requirement. Including the hours attributable to the practicum, the applicant must take the equivalent of at least twenty-four semester hours of graduate credit. The additional credits must include coursework in each of these areas:
 - (1) Exceptional children and youth.
 - (2) Characteristics of specific learning disabilities.
 - (3) Assessment and interpretation of children and youth with disabilities. This must contain considerable experience in the use of information from tests as they relate to curriculum, adjustment, and behavior.
 - (4) Methods and materials in specific learning disabilities. It is typical that the course will describe the intent of materials, modifying and adapting materials, problem-solving methods, interventions including behavior modification, and other applied learning theory.
 - (5) Developmental psychology or language development and disorders.
 - (6) Behavior management. The course typically includes a study of student reaction to frustration, response to failure,

emotional problems, and ways of managing problems in the classroom.

- (7) Corrective reading. Undergraduate hours in corrective reading must include supervised practicum.
- (c) For students completing a four-year undergraduate degree from a university with appropriate accreditation in this area, two additional graduate-level courses will be required and must include an advanced seminar in specific learning disabilities and specific learning disabilities practicum.

2. After July 31, 2003, an applicant must:

- a. An applicant must hold a valid North Dakota educator's professional license issued by the education standards and practices board based on a bachelor's degree with a certifiable major or minor or an endorsement in elementary or secondary education; and
- b. Meet education standards and practices board specialty area standards for this specialty as set out in North Dakota teacher education program approval standards 2000 with 2002 revisions adopted effective August 1, 2002.

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67-11-13-04. Types of credentials.

- 1. The professional credential is issued and is valid for the same period as the educator's professional license.
- 2. Tutor in training (available only until July 1, 2007). A letter of approval is issued and is valid for one school year including the following summer. The letter of approval may be renewed for up to three consecutive years. Persons seeking authorization to work under a tutor in training certification as a specific learning disabilities teacher must:
 - a. Have an offer of employment or be employed as a specific learning disabilities teacher in a North Dakota school; and
 - b. Provide documentation of:
 - (1) Two school years of general education teaching experiences;
 - (2) A current educator's professional license;

- (3) A program of study based on the standards identified in section 67-11-13-03 outlined by a college or university with an accredited training program;
- (4) Provide a document prepared by the school district that describes the need for the position and the plan of supervision of the tutor in training;
- (5) A statement signed by the proposed supervisor who must be certified as a specific learning disabilities teacher in North Dakota; and
- (6) A copy of current transcripts documenting successful completion of a minimum of eight semester hours of applicable coursework.

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67-11-13-05. Application process. The application process to obtain a credential under this chapter is:

1. A special education credential application form provided by the department of public instruction must be submitted for the specific learning disabilities credential. Information including the date and the applicant's name, social security number, address, telephone number, educator's professional license number and expiration date, signature, and academic preparation are required in the application.
2. A copy of official transcripts must be provided.

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Law Implemented: NDCC 15.1-02-11, 15.1-32-02, 15.1-32-09; 20 USC 1412(a)(15)

67-11-13-06. Renewal requirements. To renew the specific learning disabilities credential, the teacher shall:

1. Complete the requirements established by the North Dakota education standards and practices board relative to renewal of the North Dakota educator's professional license. The special education credential follows the expiration date established by the education standards and practices board. No further action is required on the part of the teacher to renew a special education credential that is renewed on a continuing basis.

2. In those instances in which a lapse of the applicant's educator's professional license of more than ten years has occurred prior to renewal, the special education credential application will be reviewed to assure that all special education requirements have been met.

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67-11-13-07. Notification of denial. If issuance of any credential is denied, the denial must be in writing and must state all reasons for denial. The written documentation must also include the specific requirements from section 67-11-13-03 which must be completed for reconsideration.

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67-11-13-08. Effective dates. The issuance of credentials through September 30, 1999, and from October 1, 1999, is as follows:

1. Issuing new credentials:
 - a. Through September 30, 1999, credentials may be issued based on both the previous standards identified in the guide I laws, policies and regulations for special education for exceptional children (1993) published by the department of public instruction or the new standards and procedures provided in this chapter.
 - b. Effective on February 1, 2000, all credentials will be issued based on the standards and procedures provided in this chapter.
2. Renewing existing credentials. Effective on February 1, 2000, all credential renewals must be based on the standards and procedures provided in this chapter.

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